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1. [] Mr. Houston called Dorothy McCann in Senator Kennedy's office and told her that [] had returned to the Philippines and would not be coming to the U. S.

2. [] Jay Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, called to ask if we could give him information on a [] I checked with [] of WH who gave me the information that [] was one of the inner Batista clique and while possibly not one of the most repressive was definitely of that type. I relayed this to Mr. Sourwine who said he very much appreciated the tip. I asked him if he were going to have a hearing for [] and he said he thought there was very little chance of it but if anything came up he would let us know far enough in advance so we would be able to comment on it.

3. [] Met with Ken BeLieu and the professional staff of the Senate Space Committee to brief them on the recent Soviet space shot involving the recovery of the two dogs. Present from the staff were: Max Lehrer, Everard Smith, Glen Wilson, Earl Lindvelt, and William Deachman. The briefing was given by [] of OSI. BeLieu explained that there had been some interest in Committee briefings on the status of Soviet programs but in view of the elections, he was trying to avoid formal hearings but was interested in obtaining separate briefings of the type we were providing so that he might keep Committee members informed. Staff members were interested not only in the recent space vehicle but in [] opinion on such matters as when the Soviets might be expected to attempt to put a man in space; whether or not they were engaged in other programs similar to our SATURN project; and whether there were any indications that the Chinese communists were active in any of these fields. [] handled the session well and the Staff members seemed satisfied.

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25X1 [] In response to his question of yesterday, I advised BeLieu that for his information and the information of Committee members, we were continuing Powers' pay and allotments in much the same manner as would be done in the case of a missing person in the military. I also advised him that some of these funds were being placed in escrow accounts for future payment. We discussed the case informally and I advised BeLieu that based on the news accounts our present feeling was that Powers had conducted himself quite well at the trial. BeLieu said he agreed and felt we were doing the right thing concerning salary accruals.

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25X1 5. [] James Ramey, Staff Director on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, requested information concerning the continuation of the salary of Powers. He said that Congressman Durham (who was not present at the Director's briefing of the Joint Committee) had asked him to get this information. Ramey was given the same information as was provided BeLieu on this subject, i. e., that for Durham's information we are continuing Powers' pay and allotments some of which are going to Mrs. Powers but so far as open correspondence is concerned, the statements by the State Department to the effect that "arrangements have been made to continue Powers' salary" should be used.

25X1 6. [] Mr. Fanelli, on Senator Bush's staff, called to say that the Senator had received several letters from rather irate citizens who were objecting to the continuation of Powers' salary. Fanelli wanted to know whether Powers's salary was being continued, if so for how long and whether Mrs. Powers was getting any funds over and above her husband's salary. Fanelli was given the same information provided BeLieu and Ramey on this subject with the additional information that there was no time factor involved in the payments and that Mrs. Powers was not receiving additional funds. In response to his specific question as to whether Powers had breached his contract, he was advised that on the information obtained from the trial there was no indication that Powers had violated any of his instructions. Fanelli said he was sure he could handle this correspondence without attributing any information to the Agency.